

2013 Iowa Acts, House File 614 – Sections 8, 15, 16, and 17

Sec. 8. COMMUNITY SERVICES APPROPRIATIONS.

1. a. There is appropriated from the fund created by section 8.41 to the division of community action agencies of the department of human rights for the following federal fiscal years beginning October 1, and ending September 30, the following amounts:

FFY 2013-2014..... \$ 7,296,867

FFY 2014-2015..... \$ 7,296,867

The appropriations made in this subsection are in the amounts anticipated to be received from the federal government for the designated federal fiscal years under 42 U.S.C., ch. 106, which provides for the community services block grant. The division of community action agencies of the department of human rights shall expend the funds appropriated in this subsection as provided in the federal law making the funds available and in conformance with chapter 17A.

- b. Each federal fiscal year, the administrator of the division of community action agencies of the department of human rights shall allocate not less than 96 percent of the amount of the block grants to eligible community action agencies for programs benefiting low-income persons. Each eligible agency shall receive a minimum allocation of not less than \$100,000. The minimum allocation shall be achieved by redistributing increased funds from agencies experiencing a greater share of available funds. The funds shall be distributed on the basis of the poverty-level population in the area represented by the community action areas compared to the size of the poverty-level population in the state.
2. An amount not exceeding 4 percent of the funds appropriated in subsection 1 for each federal fiscal year shall be used by the division of community action agencies of the department of human rights for administrative expenses. From the funds set aside by this subsection for administrative expenses, the division of community action agencies of the department of human rights shall pay to the auditor of state an amount sufficient to pay the cost of auditing the use and administration of the state's portion of the funds appropriated in subsection 1. The auditor of state shall bill the division of community action agencies for the costs of the audits.

Sec. 15. PROCEDURE FOR REDUCED FEDERAL FUNDS.

1. If the funds received from the federal government for the block grants specified in this Act are less than the amounts appropriated, the funds actually received shall be prorated by the governor for the various programs, other than for the services to victims of sex offenses and for rape prevention education under section 4, subsection 3, of this Act, for which each block grant is available according to the percentages that each program is to receive as specified in this Act. However, if the governor determines that the funds allocated by the percentages will not be sufficient to accomplish the purposes of a particular program, or if the appropriation is not allocated by percentage, the governor may allocate the funds in a manner which will accomplish to the greatest extent possible the purposes of the various programs for which the block grants are available.

2. Before the governor implements the actions provided for in subsection 1, the following procedures shall be taken:
 - a. The chairpersons and ranking members of the senate and house standing committees on appropriations, the appropriate chairpersons and ranking members of subcommittees of those committees, and the director of the legislative services agency shall be notified of the proposed action.
 - b. The notice shall include the proposed allocations, and information on the reasons why particular percentages or amounts of funds are allocated to the individual programs, the departments and programs affected, and other information deemed useful. Chairpersons and ranking members notified shall be allowed at least two weeks to review and comment on the proposed action before the action is taken.

Sec. 16. PROCEDURE FOR INCREASED FEDERAL FUNDS.

1. If funds received from the federal government in the form of block grants exceed the amounts appropriated in sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 9, and 11 of this Act, the excess shall be prorated to the appropriate programs according to the percentages specified in those sections, except additional funds shall not be prorated for administrative expenses.
2. If actual funds received from the federal government from block grants exceed the amount appropriated in section 10 of this Act for the low-income home energy assistance program, not more than 10 percent of the excess may be allocated to the low-income residential weatherization program and not more than 15 percent of the excess may be used for administrative costs.
3. If funds received from the federal government from community services block grants exceed the amount appropriated in section 8 of this Act, 100 percent of the excess is allocated to the community services block grant program.

Sec. 17. PROCEDURE FOR EXPENDITURE OF ADDITIONAL FEDERAL FUNDS.

If other federal grants, receipts, and funds and other nonstate grants, receipts, and funds become available or are awarded which are not available or awarded during the period in which the general assembly is in session, but which require expenditure by the applicable department or agency prior to March 15 of the fiscal years beginning July 1, 2013, and July 1, 2014, these grants, receipts, and funds are appropriated to the extent necessary, provided that the fiscal committee of the legislative council is notified within 30 days of receipt of the grants, receipts, or funds and the fiscal committee of the legislative council has an opportunity to comment on the expenditure of the grants, receipts, or funds.